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SUBJECT: CLEARANCE OF "FOREIGN RELATIONS", 1951, VOL. V

REF: STATE A-2217, APRIL 27, 1976

1. DEPARTMENT REQUESTED EMBASSY IN REF AGM YEAR AGO SEEK IRANIAN GOVT AGREEMENT TO PUBLISH IN "FOREIGN RELATIONS OF THE UNITED STATES", 1951, VOLUME V, "NEAR EAST AND AFRICA", REWORDED DRAFT OF BRITISH MESSAGE TO IRANIAN GOVT, SUGGESTED BY PRIME MINISTER MOSADEQ AND COMMUNICATIONS MINISTER BUSHERI, WITH OPOSED IRANIAN REPLY, HANDED BY THEM TO THE SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT (HARRIMAN) ON JULY 31, 1951, IN TEHRAN.

2. SUGGESTED MESSAGE AND REPLY ARE REPEATED BELOW IN CASE FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS MISPLACED OUR APRIL 1976 REQUEST. MATERIAL FORMS MEANINGFUL PART OF DIPLOMATIC RECORD IN VOLUME SCHEDULED FOR DELIVERY TO GOVT PRINTING OFFICE NEXT MONTH. ON POSSIBILITY YOUR REPLY FAILED REACH HISTORICAL OFFICE, OR SILENCE OF FOREIGN MINISTRY INDICATES NO
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OBJECTION TO PUBLISHING, DEPT PLANS PRINT THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENT UNLESS OBJECTION RECEIVED BY COB SEPTEMBER 12.

3. SUGGESTED BRITISH MESSAGE FOLLOWS:
"HMG HAVE RECEIVED THROUGH MR. HARRIMAN THE PERSIAN GOVT'S FORMULA FOR NEGOTIATING BETWEEN HMG, ON BEHALF OF THE ANGLO-IRANIAN OIL CO., AND THE

PERSIAN GOVT'S MSG FOR DISCUSSION OF MATTERS OF
MUTUAL INTEREST TO THE TWO GOVTS.
HIS MAJESTY'S GOVT ARE DESIROUS OF AVAILING THEM-
SELVES OF THIS FORMULA AND ARE PREPARED TO NEGOTIATE
IN ACCORDANCE WITH IT, BUT IT WILL BE APPRECIATED BY
THE PERSIAN GOVT THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS, WHICH HIS
MAJESTY'S GOVT FOR THEIR PART WILL ENTER INTO WITH
THE UTMOST GOOD WILL, CAN NOT BE CONDUCTED IN
SATISFACTORY MANNER UNLESS THE PRESENT ATMOSPHERE IS
RELIEVED. ON THE ASSURANCE THAT THE PERSIAN GOVT
RECOGNIZE THIS FACT AND WILL ENTER INTO DISCUSSIONS IN
THE SAME SPIRIT, A MISSION HEAD BY CABINET MINISTER
WILL IMMEDIATELY SET OUT.
HMG RECOGNIZES ON THEIR OWN BEHALF, AND ON THAT OF
THE COMPANY, THE PRINCIPLE OF THE NATIONALIZATION OF
THE OIL INDUSTRY IN PERSIA."

SUGGESTED IRANIAN REPLY FOLLOWS:

"THE IRANIAN GOVT IS PLEASED THAT, IN ACCORDANCE
WITH THE FORMULA SUBMITTED BY MR. HARRIMAN, THE
BRITISH GOVT HAS RECOGNIZED ON ITS OWN BEHALF AND ON
THAT OF THE FORMER COMPANY THE PRINCIPLE OF NATION-
ALIZATION OF THE OIL INDUSTRY IN IRAN, AND IS SENDING
MISSION TO IRAN TO NEGOTIATE. THE IRANIAN GOVT
RECOGNIZES THE ESSENTIALITY, IN THE INTEREST OF THE
SUCCESS OF THE NEGOTIATIONS, OF BOTH GOVTS CREATING THE
BEST POSSIBLE ATMOSPHERE, AND WILL ENTER INTO THE
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NEGOTIATIONS IN THE SAME SPIRIT OF GOOD WILL EXPRESSED
BY THE BRITISH GOVT." CHRISTOPHER

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